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SPeaking nor Writing was never my Talent; I shall therefore give a very Short but Faithful Account, first, of my Religion; and next, what I suffer most innocently for, to avoid the Calumnies I may reasonably expect my Enemies will cast upon me when dead, since they have most falsely and maliciously aspers'd me whilst under my Misfortunes.

As for my *Religion*, I was brought up in the Church of *England*, as it is establish'd by Law, and have ever profess'd it; tho' I confess I have been an unworthy Member of it, in not living up to the strict and excellent Rules thereof, for which I take Shame to my self, and humbly ask Forgiveness of GOD. I come now to dye in that Communion, trusting, as an humble and hearty Penitent, to be receiv'd by the Mercy of God, through the Merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour.

My *Religion* taught me my *Loyalty*, which, I bless God, is untainted: And I have ever endeavour'd, in the station wherein I have been placed, to the utmost of my power, to support the Crown of *England* in the True and Lineal Course of Descent, without interruption.

As for what I am now to dye; I call God to witness, I went not to that Meeting in *Leadenhall-street* with any such Intention, as to invite King *James* by Force to invade this Nation; nor was I my self provided with either Horse or Arms, or engag'd for any number of Men, or gave particular Orders for any such Invasion, as is most falsely Sworn against me.

I do alſo declare, in the Preſence of God, That I knew nothing of King *James*'s coming to *Calais*, nor of any Invaſion intended from thence, till it was publickly known: And the only Notion I had that ſomething might be attempted, was from the *Thoulon* Fleet coming to *Breſt*.

I alſo call God to witneſs, that I receiv'd the knowledge of what is contain'd in thoſe Papers that I gave to a great Man that came to me in the *Tower*, both from Letters and Meſſages that came from *France*; and he told me, when I read them to him, That the Prince of *Orange* had been acquainted with moſt of thoſe things before.

I might have expected Mercy from that Prince, becauſe I was inſtrumental in ſaving his Life: For when about *April* 1695, an Attempt form'd againſt him came to my knowledge, I did, partly by Diſſwaſions and partly by Delays, prevent that Deſign; which, I ſuppoſe, was the reaſon that the laſt Villanous Project was conceal'd from me.

If there be any Perſons whom I have injur'd in Word or Deed, I heartily pray their Pardon, and beg of God to pardon thoſe who have injur'd me, particularly thoſe who with great Zeal have ſought my Life, and brought the Guilt of my innocent Blood upon this Nation, no Treaſon being prov'd upon me.

I return my moſt hearty Thanks to thoſe noble and worthy Perſons who gave me their Aſſiſtance, by oppoſing this Bill of Attainder, without which it had been impoſſible I could have fall'n under the Sentence of *Death*: God bleſs them and their Poſterity, tho' I am fully ſatisfied they pleaded their own Cauſe while they defended mine.

I pray God to bleſs my true and lawful Soveraign King *James*, the Queen, and the Prince of *Wales*, and reſtore him and his Poſterity to this Throne again, for the Peace and Proſperity of this Nation, which is impoſſible to proſper till the Government is ſetled upon a right Foot.

And now, O GOD, I do with all humble Devotion commend my Soul into thy Hands, the great Maker and Preſerver of Men, and Lover of Souls, beſeeching thee, that it may be always dear and precious in thy ſight, through the Merits of my Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

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